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[X] Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

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| (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,368,181 B1 | patented April 9, 2002 |
| (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,957,749 | patented September 28, 1999 |
| (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,045,433 | patented April 4, 2000 |

Applicant(s) identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 (or PTO/SB/08A) from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO-1449 (or PTO/SB/08A) listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with §1.98(d). Per 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

3. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

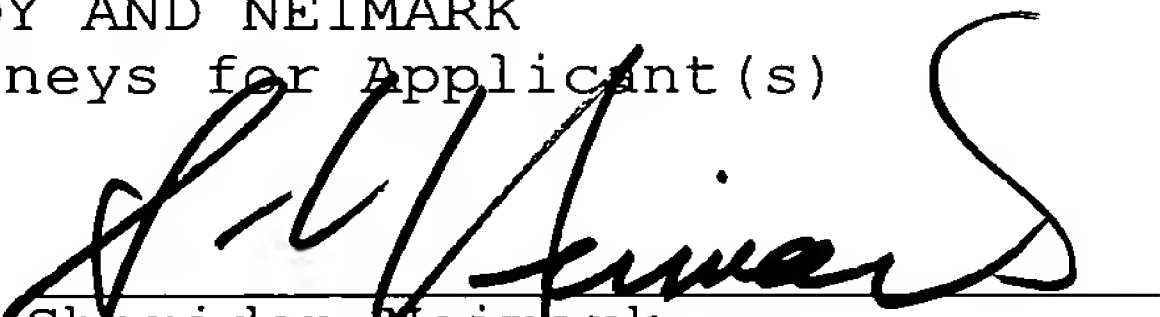
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Respectfully submitted,

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